

## **ABSTRACT**

A suction strainer includes a plurality of strainer bodies in flow communication with suction inlet of a pump. The strainer bodies include flow control apertures that are sized and  
5 aligned with the suction exit of the bodies to allow for control of the flow characteristics of the fluid being suctioned through the bodies. The flow control apertures can be sized to provide collective aperture areas that increase distally away from the suction exit of the body and the suction inlet of the pump.